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106	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai Service area)	Parsvnath Developers Limited
107	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai Service area)	Spice Communications Ltd.
108	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai Service area)	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
109	Uttar Pradesh (East)	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
110	Uttar Pradesh (East)	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
111	Uttar Pradesh (East)	Parsvnath Developers Limited
112	Uttar Pradesh (East)	Spice Communications Ltd.
113	Uttar Pradesh (East)	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
114	Uttar Pradesh (West)	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
115	Uttar Pradesh (West)	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
116	Uttar Pradesh (West)	Parsvnath Developers Limited
117	Uttar Pradesh (West)	Spice Communications Ltd.
118	Uttar Pradesh (West)	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
119	West Bengal	ByCell Telecomm India Pvt. Ltd.
120	West Bengal	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
121	West Bengal	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
122	West Bengal	Idea Cellular Ltd.
123	West Bengal	Parsvnath Developers Limited
124	West Bengal	Spice Communications Ltd.

Capping the number of cellular operators

2473. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to cap the number of cellular operators in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this proposal is being considered to keep away the entry of new operators so that the existing operators could monopolise;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the optimum number of cellular operators Government are trying to licence in various service areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) On 13.04.2007, Government had sought recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on the issue of limiting the number of access providers in each service area and review of certain terms and conditions in the access provider license. On 29.08.2007, TRAI has recommended that no cap be placed on the number of access services providers in any service area. As on date, no decision has been taken on TRAI's recommendations.

Services in post offices

†2474. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intend to use post offices for other services besides postal services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of post offices where such above mentioned services would be available;

(c) the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that condition of post offices set up in rural areas is quite miserable; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken by Government for improvement in post offices in the above mentioned areas and the achievements of Government in this regard during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Department of Posts is offering a few selected services besides postal services with an objective to leverage its network and to utilize its existing infrastructure optimally.

(b) and (c) The details are given the Statement-I (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The condition of the rural post offices is satisfactory. The Department is enhancing the facilities in rural areas on an ongoing basis. It is improving the ergonomics and ambience of the rural post offices especially the Gramin Dak Sevak Branch Offices. The details of post offices where furniture, stamp box, weighing scales etc. have been provided in the last three years, Statewise, is given in Statement-II and III.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.